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THE MASS *and* ABSOLUTION *for the* DEAD

with DIRECTIONS *for the* CONGREGATION

Taken from the Book of Common Prayer
with additions from The Missal

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LOW REQUIEM MASS

The substance of a Low Requiem Mass is the same as a High Requiem Mass, as given below. The only difference is the bodily postures of the Congregation. At a Low Mass the Congregation kneel *throughout its entirety,* except *at* (1) *The entrance of the procession,* (2) *The Gospel,* (3) *The Last Gospel,* (4) *The Absolution of the Dead. At these points the Congregation* stand.

HIGH REQUIEM MASS

Stand during the entry of the procession.

If the Burial Office is to be said before the Mass it will occur at this point. It can be found on page 324 of the Book of Common Prayer. Sit *through the Psalms and the Lesson. Immediately the Lesson is ended the Mass will begin.*

INTROIT

Congregation stand.

Requiem Aeternam

REST eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them. *Psalm*—Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem:—thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Rest eternal . . .

KYRIE ELEISON

Congregation stand.

LORD, have mercy upon us (iii).
Christ, have mercy upon us (iii).
Lord, have mercy upon us (iii).

THE COLLECT

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Congregation kneel.

O GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered; accept our prayers on behalf of the soul of thy servant departed, and grant *him*

an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Congregation sit.

I Thessalonians iv. 13

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them which also sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Congregation sit.

Requiem Aeternam

REST eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance: he will not be afraid of any evil tidings. Rest eternal . . .

THE TRACT

Congregation sit.

Absolve, Domine

ABSOLVE, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every chain of sir.. And by the help of thy grace may they escape the judgment of condemnation. And attain the fruition of everlasting light.

THE SEQUENCE

Congregation sit.

Dies Irae

DAY of wrath! O day of mourning!
See fulfilled the prophets' warning,
Heaven and earth in ashes burning!

O what fear man's bosom rendeth,
When from heaven the Judge descendeth,
On whose sentence all dependeth!

Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth;
Through earth's sepulchres it ringeth;
All before the throne it bringeth.

Death is struck, and nature quaking,
All creation is awaking,
To its Judge an answer making.

Lo! the book exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded:
Thence shall judgment be awarded.

When the Judge his seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth.

What shall I, frail man, be pleading?
Who for me be interceding,
When the just are mercy needing?

King of Majesty tremendous,
Who dost free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us.

Think, good Jesu, my salvation
Cost thy wondrous Incarnation;
Leave me not in reprobation.

Faint and weary, thou hast sought me,
On the cross of suffering bought me,
Shall such grace be vainly brought me?

Righteous Judge! for sin's pollution
Grant thy gift of absolution,
Ere the day of retribution.

Guilty, now I pour my mourning,
All my shame with anguish owning;
Spare, O God, thy suppliant groaning!

Thou the sinful woman savedst;
Thou the dying thief forgavest;
And to me a hope vouchsafest.

Worthless are my prayers and sighing,
Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Rescue me from fires undying!

With thy favoured sheep O place me;
Nor among the goats abase me;
But to thy right hand upraise me.

While the wicked are confounded,
Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me with thy saints surrounded.

Low I kneel, with heart submission,
See, like ashes, my contrition;
Help me in my last condition.

Ah! that day of tears and mourning!
From the dust of earth returning,
Man for judgment must prepare him;
Spare, O God, in mercy, spare him!

Lord, all pitying, Jesu blest,
Grant them thine eternal rest. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Congregation stand.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Saint John vi. 37

JESUS said unto them, All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that

sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE OFFERTORY

Congregation stand.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray:

O LORD Jesus Christ, King of majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell, and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness: but let Michael, the holy standard-bearer, make speed to restore them to the brightness of glory: Which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed. Sacrifice and prayer do we offer to thee, O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls departed, in whose memory we make this oblation: and grant them, Lord, to pass from death unto life: Which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed.

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Congregation kneel.

Page 74 of the Book of Common Prayer.

SURSUM CORDA AND PREFACE

Congregation remain kneeling.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord Holy, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whom the hope of a blessed resurrection hath shone upon us; that we who are saddened by the certainty of dying, may be comforted by the promise of immortal life to come. For the life of thy faithful people, O Lord, is not taken away, but changed; and though the tabernacle of their earthly habitation is dissolved, thou preparest them a house

eternal in the heavens. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

SANCTUS

Congregation remain kneeling.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

THE CANON AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Congregation remain kneeling.

Page 80 of the Book of Common Prayer.

World without end.

R. Amen.

And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

World without end.

R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

AGNUS DEI

Congregation remain kneeling.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.

The Congregation may sit after the Blessed Sacrament is consumed.

THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Congregation sit.

Lux Aeterna

MAY light eternal shine, O Lord, upon them, for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. For endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Congregation kneel.

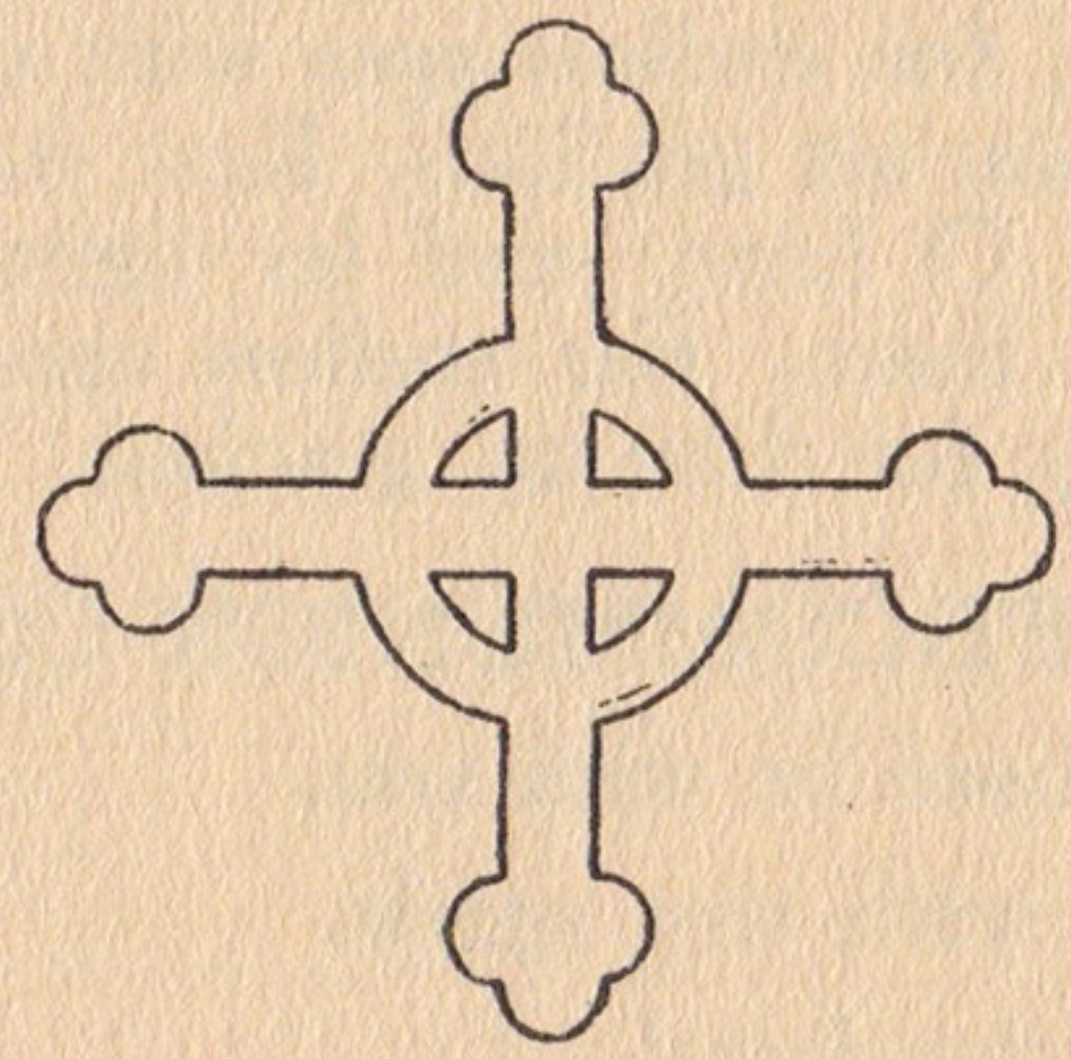
GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God; that the soul of thy servant which hath passed from this world, being cleansed by this Sacrifice and delivered from sin, may obtain thy pardon and everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.

THE LAST GOSPEL

Congregation stand.

Page 97 in the Book of Common Prayer.



ABSOLUTION OVER THE BIER

Congregation stand throughout this rite.

Standing at the foot of the catafalque, the Celebrant says the following prayer which, however, is omitted if the body be absent.

THE COLLECT

ENTER not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified, unless thou grant him remission of his sins. We therefore beseech thee, let not the sentence of thy judgment press hard upon *him* whom the reasonable prayer of thy faithful Christian people commendeth unto thee: but grant that by the succour of thy grace, *he* who while living was sealed with the sign of the Holy Trinity, may be counted worthy to escape thine avenging judgment; Who livest and reignest, world without end.

R. Amen.

THE RESPONSORY

Said or sung.

Libera Me

DELIVER me, O Lord, from death eternal in that day of trembling: When heaven and earth shall be shaken: When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. Trembling taketh hold upon me, and fearfulness, as the sifting draweth on, and the wrath to come. When heaven and earth shall be shaken. Ah, that day, that day of anger, of calamity and misery; Ah, that great day, and exceeding bitter! When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. (Deliver me *is repeated through* world by fire.)

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Our Father . . .

And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gate of hell.

R. Deliver his soul, O Lord.

V. May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ABSOLVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy servant from every bond of sin: that *he* may be raised up among thy Saints and elect, and live again in the glory of the resurrection; Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

But if the body be present the Priest says the following:

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: receive our humble petitions for the soul of thy servant, whom thou hast bidden to depart out of this world: deliver *him* not into the hand of the enemy, neither forget *him* forever; but command thy holy Angels to receive *him* and bring

him into the country of paradise; that forasmuch as *he* hoped and believed in thee, *he* may not suffer the pains of hell, but possess the joys of eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon him.

V. May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. May *his* soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Congregation remain standing until the procession has passed out of the church.

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